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2 [Unrelated crosstalk]

3 MALE VOICE: How you doing? How are we
4 doing? Hey, Dave, how you doing? You said I
5 can come back, right? All right, I appreciate
6 it. You feel okay to talk for a little bit?
7 All right, how are you feeling today?

8 MR. DAVID SWEAT: All right.

9 MALE VOICE: All right, that's good.
10 Shoulder feeling any better?

11 MR. SWEAT: Not really.

12 MALE VOICE: Yeah. How do they fix it? You
13 don't get a brace or anything, or it's just
14 going to heal on its own?

15 MR. SWEAT: They have to wait for the
16 swelling to go down to see if there's any actual
17 nerve damage, or if it's just the nerves, the
18 way they are - - from shock, from the bullet.

19 MALE VOICE: Okay, so time will tell, I
20 guess and then they'll know how to treat it from
21 there. All right. I appreciate you talking to
22 me the last couple of days. Obviously I'm
23 getting a lot of questions from my bosses and
24 stuff and they want clarification on a few
25 things, which I kind of expected, and so I just-

1 -there's a couple things I just want to clear
2 up. I think most of it we've already talked
3 about already, but just get a couple more
4 details on a few things. The other thing is my
5 bosses are kind of paranoid. They want me to
6 read you your rights because they're afraid that
7 you're going to tell me that, like, you guys
8 killed somebody or something, so--which I can
9 tell after five minutes of talking with you, I
10 know it didn't happen. But anyway, they want me
11 to read you your rights anyway, just in case if
12 you come up with something like that. They're--
13 like I said, they don't know you and they're
14 paranoid that when you're talking, you're going
15 to be like, oh, yeah, well, we did kill some
16 guy, he's out in the middle of--.

17 MR. SWEAT: We didn't do nothing like that.

18 MALE VOICE: Yeah, I didn't think you did,
19 but enough said. So anyway I'm not here to
20 arrest you or anything like that, but I do have
21 to read you your rights. If you don't want to
22 talk, that's fine, but like I said, I just--I'm
23 just going to read these anyway and then, just
24 like I said, then I'm just looking for
25 clarification on a couple things. You have the

1 right to remain silent. Anything you say can
2 and will be used against you in a court of law.
3 You have the right to talk to a lawyer and have
4 the lawyer present with you while you're being
5 questioned. If you cannot afford to hire a
6 lawyer, one will be appointed to represent you
7 free of charge before any questioning if you
8 wish. You may decide at any time to exercise
9 these rights and not answer any question or make
10 any statements. Do you understand each of these
11 rights I have explained to you?

12 MR. SWEAT: I do.

13 MALE VOICE: Then having these rights in
14 mind, do you wish to talk to me now? Thank you.
15 I appreciate it.

16 MR. SWEAT: Sure.

17 MALE VOICE: Okay. - - like I said, it's
18 just a technicality and - - . If I thought you
19 killed someone, I would have read you your
20 rights the first night. I mean, I - - . So we
21 have all kinds of experts working on this case.
22 I don't know if you're aware of that. So the
23 first set of experts are these--we call them
24 tool guys. They kind of think they're tool
25 experts. And when I told them your story about

1 using all handtools, they didn't believe me and
2 pretty much said that I'm a liar or you're a
3 liar. So--

4 MR. SWEAT: Well, I'm better than that.

5 MALE VOICE: Well, that's kind of what I
6 told them. I said--I went, look, I think he
7 would have used power tools, he would have told
8 me about it.

9 MR. SWEAT: - -

10 MALE VOICE: So even--so they can't
11 understand how someone can saw into that steel
12 pipe by hand.

13 MR. SWEAT: Like you have to break--like I
14 said before, you have to break the - - in half.

15 MALE VOICE: Okay.

16 MR. SWEAT: And then the teeth on a - - they
17 go left and right. But every once in a while
18 there's a tooth that sits right in the middle.

19 MALE VOICE: Okay.

20 MR. SWEAT: That's the tooth you have to
21 use.

22 MALE VOICE: So you just use that one tooth.

23 MR. SWEAT: You use that one tooth to get it
24 started.

25 MALE VOICE: Okay.

1 MR. SWEAT: And it takes a long time.

2 MALE VOICE: Like how long would you say?

3 MR. SWEAT: It took--inside the pipe it
4 actually took me probably 2½ almost 3 days just
5 to get it started.

6 MALE VOICE: Okay, just to get it started.

7 MR. SWEAT: Just to get it started. Then it
8 just goes.

9 MALE VOICE: Now did you say something like
10 you used tweezers or something to help, or I
11 couldn't remember if I got that part right or
12 not.

13 MR. SWEAT: No, no, I used the tweezers and
14 a paperclip to--

15 MALE VOICE: Pick the lock?

16 MR. SWEAT: Pick the master lock on the
17 toolbox.

18 MALE VOICE: Okay, did you lock that back up
19 every night or--

20 MR. SWEAT: Every night.

21 MALE VOICE: Oh, so you picked it every
22 single day.

23 MR. SWEAT: Every night I did, I would pick
24 it and then lock it back up.

25 MALE VOICE: Oh, okay. I forgot to ask you

1 that last time. So you find that one tooth
2 that's just right and you're holding it by hand,
3 right? You're just kind of going--

4 MR. SWEAT: Yeah - - well, you know, you use
5 the whole half a blade and - - material and you
6 wrap it around it and wrap a rubber band around
7 that so you've got a handle on it.

8 MALE VOICE: Okay.

9 MR. SWEAT: And you just keep going back and
10 forth until you get through.

11 MALE VOICE: So how big of a, like, stride
12 are you making, just--

13 MR. SWEAT: A short one.

14 MALE VOICE: Just a short--just enough to
15 get some penetration?

16 MR. SWEAT: - - right. Because once the
17 blade gets through, then you can actually work
18 it.

19 MALE VOICE: Okay, and that's the same--so
20 that's with the pipe, the inside of the pipe.

21 MR. SWEAT: Inside and outside.

22 MALE VOICE: And the outside. And is that
23 the same thing you did with your wall, too?

24 MR. SWEAT: - -

25 MALE VOICE: So it's the same exact--

1 MR. SWEAT: Yeah.

2 MALE VOICE: --technique the whole way.

3 Okay, that makes more sense now. Yeah, the
4 first night I thought you said something about
5 fingernail clippers and tweezers or something
6 like that. I don't know, I probably heard it
7 wrong. Were you using a fingernail clippers in
8 there for something, or no?

9 MR. SWEAT: Actually I did use fingernail
10 clippers when--because sometimes the blades--you
11 know, use half a blade, and the part that's
12 underneath the - - is still good. So that's the
13 piece that has a hole in it. You take that off,
14 put a screw through the fingernail clippers and
15 use the fingernail clippers as an extension for
16 a handle.

17 MALE VOICE: Oh, okay.

18 MR. SWEAT: So you can get more out of a
19 hacksaw blade.

20 MALE VOICE: Okay, I got you. I forgot to
21 write down the time that we started. I forgot
22 to do that. Joyce said something about a
23 grinder. She said she - - in a grinder for you
24 guys, or a grinder blade or something like that,
25 or would it be a grinder disk?

1 MR. SWEAT: No.

2 MALE VOICE: You never had anything like
3 that?

4 MR. SWEAT: No - -

5 MALE VOICE: Okay. What about a
6 reciprocating saw blade. She talks about
7 getting one of those in, too.

8 MR. SWEAT: No, the only thing was the
9 hacksaw blade.

10 MALE VOICE: Okay.

11 MR. SWEAT: She got us the hacksaw blade,
12 she got chisels.

13 MALE VOICE: So she did bring you chisels,
14 too?

15 MR. SWEAT: Frankly, drill bits.

16 MALE VOICE: Okay.

17 MR. SWEAT: Which we never really got to use
18 the chisel for the - -

19 MALE VOICE: Okay.

20 MR. SWEAT: We never got to use the drill
21 bits at all. They're brand new.

22 MALE VOICE: Okay. Who did that, Richard -
23 - or you call him hacksaw or--

24 MR. SWEAT: Yeah - -

25 MALE VOICE: Did he have those, or--

1 MR. SWEAT: He's the one who bought 'em.
2 He brought the stuff in. He - - bring 'em in.

3 MALE VOICE: Okay. Do you know how many
4 times she--or how many blades did you go
5 through, hacksaw blades? I mean, she must have
6 had to do it several times, right, or--

7 MR. SWEAT: I think altogether it was--I
8 think I used eight.

9 MALE VOICE: Really, for that whole job you
10 only used eight?

11 MR. SWEAT: Yeah.

12 MALE VOICE: That's amazing. See, the tools
13 guys aren't going to believe me when I tell them
14 that. They're going to say I'm lying again.

15 MR. SWEAT: And I wouldn't have had to use
16 that, but when I was in the pipe, I burned
17 through a lot of blades in the pipe.

18 MALE VOICE: Yeah.

19 MR. SWEAT: Because instead of cutting into
20 the pipe, it saved time to turn it, to curve.

21 MALE VOICE: Okay.

22 MR. SWEAT: But it's really rough on a blade
23 when you curve a blade.

24 MALE VOICE: Yeah.

25 MR. SWEAT: And they're snapping a lot.

1 MALE VOICE: So you went through more--

2 MR. SWEAT: - - more - -

3 MALE VOICE: --on trying to make the inside
4 out - -

5 MR. SWEAT: Yeah, because the one - - I did
6 the one myself with one blade.

7 MALE VOICE: Really.

8 MR. SWEAT: Yeah.

9 MALE VOICE: And did you--you had a vent in
10 there. Like I never saw your saw. I will see
11 pictures of it later. So you had a vent in
12 there, right? Did you cut around the vent?

13 MR. SWEAT: Yeah, around the outside, and
14 bigger than the vent itself.

15 MALE VOICE: Bigger than the vent.

16 MR. SWEAT: You have to because the vent is
17 small.

18 MALE VOICE: And then when you were telling
19 me how you put it back together, so you put the
20 piece and metal back in place and you taped
21 around it?

22 MR. SWEAT: What I did is I put two pieces
23 of paperclip and I taped it to the wall with a
24 little hook to it so that when you set it in
25 there you could set it against it.

1 MALE VOICE: Okay.

2 MR. SWEAT: So it would set right in there
3 tight.

4 MALE VOICE: Okay.

5 MR. SWEAT: Right where you want it, and
6 then you just sealed it in.

7 MALE VOICE: So you taped around it and then
8 painted the tape so it would look perfect,
9 right?

10 MR. SWEAT: Yeah, couldn't even tell the
11 difference.

12 MALE VOICE: And another question that one
13 of my experts wanted me--apparently I didn't
14 clarify it, was was it okay for you to have tape
15 in your cell?

16 MR. SWEAT: Yeah, you can buy tape in the
17 commissary.

18 MALE VOICE: Okay, and that's what you did,
19 you bought it in the commissary? And the tape
20 that you used in your cell, did you use - - if
21 they're saying they found some tape down by the
22 tunnels, does that sound right or no?

23 MR. SWEAT: I don't remember using any tape
24 down by the tunnels.

25 MALE VOICE: Okay, so it was just the tape

1 that you used was just in your cell as far as
2 you remember?

3 MR. SWEAT: Yeah - - .

4 MALE VOICE: And the cell paint, that was
5 okay for you to have, too, right, they wanted
6 you to have that?

7 MR. SWEAT: They want you to keep your cells
8 clean - - all that stuff.

9 MALE VOICE: Do you buy that in the
10 commissary, too, or--

11 MR. SWEAT: Oh, no, they give it to us. All
12 you've got to do is ask for it.

13 MALE VOICE: Okay, and they'll give it to
14 you, okay. And it's okay for you to have paint
15 brushes in your cell?

16 MR. SWEAT: Yeah.

17 MALE VOICE: Well, let me put it to you this
18 way. Was there any other stuff in there that
19 you weren't supposed to have besides like the
20 hacksaw blades?

21 MR. SWEAT: Nope. I utilized everything
22 that we were allowed to have.

23 MALE VOICE: And what did you do with the
24 metal shavings from the wall?

25 MR. SWEAT: Just let them fall in the back.

1 MALE VOICE: Oh, so they fell back behind?

2 MR. SWEAT: I did take some magnets--

3 MALE VOICE: Okay.

4 MR. SWEAT: --magnets off from one of the
5 machines at work.

6 MALE VOICE: Okay.

7 MR. SWEAT: They're from - - . Put tape
8 around them and I'd stick that underneath the
9 cut wall - - for any shavings that came inside
10 the cell would be caught on the magnet and I
11 would just wipe it off into the toilet and flush
12 the toilet.

13 MALE VOICE: Oh, okay, that's a good idea.
14 Did you leave the magnet behind, do you think,
15 or is that gone somewhere?

16 MR. SWEAT: Huh-uh. I don't remember. I
17 might--no, we ended up using it. I took it with
18 me because I was in the pipe - - in the pipe, so
19 I taped the magnets to the bottom of the lights
20 and stuck the lights against the sides of the
21 pipe--

22 MALE VOICE: Okay.

23 MR. SWEAT: --so I could see where I was
24 going.

25 MALE VOICE: All right, that makes sense.

1 And you had a head lamp for lights. What else
2 did you have? Did they have work lights down
3 there or something, or--

4 MR. SWEAT: I stole one of the work lights.
5 I guess I left it somewhere around the - - and
6 they just hang there so I took that.

7 MALE VOICE: Okay.

8 MR. SWEAT: And then wired their lighting
9 system down by the steam pipe so that I could
10 run electricity.

11 MALE VOICE: Okay, so you rewired that?

12 MR. SWEAT: Yeah, it's all rewired down
13 there.

14 MALE VOICE: Hmm. Oh, that was another
15 question somebody asked me was was there an
16 incident where like something getting rewired in
17 your guy's cells so the hot plate wouldn't short
18 out or something like that?

19 MR. SWEAT: Oh, yeah, everybody does that.

20 MALE VOICE: Everybody does that?

21 MR. SWEAT: Yeah.

22 MALE VOICE: So that's not anything--

23 MR. SWEAT: No, that's normal.

24 MALE VOICE: How does that work? Like I
25 don't know too much about it. All they told me

1 was Officer Palmer either helped you or let
2 you or--

3 MR. SWEAT: Well, just about anybody - - for
4 you. A lot of times, or the majority of the
5 time, people will pay the plumber, they'll say
6 there's something wrong with their cell, but
7 ahead of time they'll tell the plumber, listen,
8 - - power - -

9 MALE VOICE: Okay. And I'm naive, but
10 what's a - -

11 MR. SWEAT: Oh, - -

12 MALE VOICE: Oh, okay, all right. So they
13 can get behind the wall and hook it up for you
14 so you've got power coming to your cell?

15 MR. SWEAT: Oh, yeah.

16 MALE VOICE: Okay. Did anyone take you
17 behind the wall before you had been through the
18 wall that one time, you know, when you cut
19 yourself through?

20 MR. SWEAT: Oh, you mean in the catwalk?

21 MALE VOICE: Yeah, had you ever been behind
22 there before?

23 MR. SWEAT: Yeah, I'd been back there before
24 to turn the power back on or something like
25 that.

1 MALE VOICE: And who--were you--was that
2 part of your job or something, or how did you
3 get back there?

4 MR. SWEAT: No, my power was off. I asked,
5 I said listen, my power went off, can I go back
6 and turn it back on. And, you know, they don't
7 want to go back there--

8 MALE VOICE: Right.

9 MR. SWEAT: --to the catwalk, there's drop-
10 offs on both sides. So they're like yeah, hurry
11 up.

12 MALE VOICE: So they'd kind of watch you and
13 let you go in there and do it.

14 MR. SWEAT: Yeah.

15 MALE VOICE: So was there a breaker box or
16 something, or--

17 MR. SWEAT: Yeah, that's all it is is a
18 breaker box.

19 MALE VOICE: Okay, and did that happen a
20 lot, or--

21 MR. SWEAT: Not very often.

22 MALE VOICE: Okay. Was it always the same
23 officer that let you go do it, or was--

24 MR. SWEAT: It would depend. Some officers
25 won't let you go back there, they'll go do it

1 themselves. And some if you're out running
2 around, they know - - will just let you run down
3 and turn it on real quick.

4 MALE VOICE: Okay.

5 MR. SWEAT: Because they can see you. They
6 watch the whole time.

7 MALE VOICE: So they watch you the whole
8 time and then--

9 MR. SWEAT: You can't go back there and do
10 nothing.

11 MALE VOICE: Right. But you had a little
12 bit of an idea what it looked like back there.

13 MR. SWEAT: Yeah. Well, I kind of did
14 anyway, but--I mean, you can see into the
15 catwalks.

16 MALE VOICE: Okay, I didn't know that.

17 MR. SWEAT: Yeah, they leave the doors open
18 on the ends, so if you're standing there talking
19 to a C.O., picking up mail or waiting for
20 something, you can look right in there and see
21 everything.

22 MALE VOICE: Okay.

23 MR. SWEAT: So it's not like it would be - -

24 MALE VOICE: It's not a big secret, right.

25 Okay.

1 MR. SWEAT: What's it called, the--all the
2 electrical work and stuff that gets done back
3 there is all done by inmates anyway.

4 MALE VOICE: Oh, really?

5 MR. SWEAT: Yeah, it's an inmate job. It's
6 a--

7 MALE VOICE: Okay.

8 MR. SWEAT: - -

9 MALE VOICE: So it's kind of common
10 knowledge, people know about the catwalks, they
11 know--

12 MR. SWEAT: --

13 MALE VOICE: All right. Okay, that clears
14 it up a little bit. Let's see what other kind
15 of expert questions I have, and I brought a map
16 I was going to try to have you show--I was going
17 to try to retrace where you guys went. I mean,
18 I don't even know if you'll be able to do it,
19 but I kind of brought one anyway just in case.
20 And this might be a map question once we get it
21 out, but you remember the shotgun that you
22 disassembled and kind of chucked it around,
23 threw it in different spots?

24 MR. SWEAT: Yeah.

25 MALE VOICE: Do you remember--

1 MR. SWEAT: It's in the creek.

2 MALE VOICE: It's in a creek?

3 MR. SWEAT: Yeah.

4 MALE VOICE: All of it, or--

5 MR. SWEAT: All of it.

6 MALE VOICE: Okay.

7 MR. SWEAT: Bullets, too.

8 MALE VOICE: Okay. Do you remember where
9 you got that one out of, approximately, or--
10 they've got people out trying to find it,
11 believe it or not.

12 MR. SWEAT: They're not going to find that.

13 MALE VOICE: No, that's what I told them. I
14 said you're never going to find it.

15 MR. SWEAT: Because I made sure of that.
16 Because I didn't want some kid or something to
17 get a hold of it.

18 MALE VOICE: You told me that you broke it
19 down and--

20 MR. SWEAT: Yeah.

21 MALE VOICE: --did you--you broke it into--

22 MR. SWEAT: I broke it down, because it
23 comes right apart and - - in half.

24 MALE VOICE: Yeah.

25 MR. SWEAT: So I took it in half, I threw

1 the barrel in one end, one end where it was
2 real - - , and I threw the stock in another end.

3 MALE VOICE: Okay. Was that early on or was
4 that later on?

5 MR. SWEAT: It was--I had only had it for
6 probably I would say probably two or three days,
7 maybe, at most.

8 MALE VOICE: Two or--okay--

9 MR. SWEAT: But it was kind of in the middle
10 sometime.

11 MALE VOICE: In the middle of the whole
12 search thing or whatever?

13 MR. SWEAT: Yeah.

14 MALE VOICE: Okay, so you only kept it--so
15 sometime in the middle you had it for two or
16 three days and then you chucked it.

17 MR. SWEAT: Yeah, I chucked it.

18 MALE VOICE: And they asked me why and I
19 said--I think he said that he wasn't going to
20 shoot anybody and he--

21 MR. SWEAT: No.

22 MALE VOICE: --got sick of carrying it, or--

23 MR. SWEAT: It was--right. At first it was
24 good because I was thinking, well, if we get
25 stuck out here, we don't have no food.

1 MALE VOICE: Yeah.

2 MR. SWEAT: I know there's certain spots - -
3 where you can walk three or four days and not
4 find a road or anything. - - food, we can shoot
5 deer. - -

6 MALE VOICE: So that's what you were
7 thinking.

8 MR. SWEAT: Yeah.

9 MALE VOICE: Okay.

10 MR. SWEAT: But I never ended up getting
11 that far in the wooded area, so I ended up just
12 tossing it.

13 MALE VOICE: It's because you were always
14 kind of near either a trail or a road, right,
15 for the most part?

16 MR. SWEAT: Yeah. Not intentionally, but it
17 just--

18 MALE VOICE: That's just the way it worked
19 out?

20 MR. SWEAT: Yeah, that's just the way it
21 happened.

22 MALE VOICE: Okay. All right, that makes
23 sense. So you don't know where you would have
24 gotten it from, sometime in the middle, so, I
25 mean--

1 MR. SWEAT: The people who I took that
2 from are never going to know it was me.

3 MALE VOICE: Yeah.

4 MR. SWEAT: Because I think what happened,
5 at the house I was in, by the way, it was kind
6 of in shambles a little bit and it was like
7 somebody had been there, kind of cleaning stuff
8 up and straightening it out. I think it was
9 like an old lady and an old guy and I think they
10 died.

11 MALE VOICE: Okay, so just one of those--

12 MR. SWEAT: I think - -

13 MALE VOICE: Okay.

14 MR. SWEAT: And I don't know if - - but I
15 seen a shell, so I decided to look down inside
16 this little cubby thing, and it was actually
17 already broken in two pieces.

18 MALE VOICE: Okay.

19 MR. SWEAT: They already had it apart. And
20 it was tucked down in there real tight, so I
21 don't think anybody else would have caught it.

22 MALE VOICE: Okay. What makes you think
23 that it was an older couple?

24 MR. SWEAT: Well, there was a--the clothes
25 were all like older style clothes.

1 MALE VOICE: Okay.

2 MR. SWEAT: That an older person would wear.

3 MALE VOICE: All right.

4 MR. SWEAT: There was a car off to the side
5 which I'm guessing was hers. It had been
6 sitting there for a minute, and the place wasn't
7 like that.

8 MALE VOICE: Okay.

9 MR. SWEAT: You could tell it had been
10 probably a few months or so.

11 MALE VOICE: Okay.

12 MR. SWEAT: Since anyone had been in there.
13 But somebody had been going through everything.

14 MALE VOICE: Yeah.

15 MR. SWEAT: Like picking out what they
16 wanted.

17 MALE VOICE: So you think like family
18 members--like they died, family members in there
19 picking out what they wanted and--all right,
20 that sounds about right. And you remember the
21 three people that pulled in the one time when
22 you were in the woods, you said you were kind of
23 laughing about it with the deer cam?

24 MR. SWEAT: Oh, yeah, yeah, the pot growers.

25 MALE VOICE: Yeah.

1 MR. SWEAT: Yeah.

2 MALE VOICE: Do you remember about where
3 that was?

4 MR. SWEAT: Huh-uh.

5 MALE VOICE: What was that--or do you
6 remember when or--

7 MR. SWEAT: I think that was on - - Road.

8 MALE VOICE: Okay.

9 MR. SWEAT: Somewhere on - - Road.

10 MALE VOICE: Okay, towards--and you guys
11 were still together then, so do you remember
12 about how long that was before you guys split up
13 when you saw it?

14 MR. SWEAT: About how long after that?

15 MALE VOICE: Yeah, because you were together
16 when you saw it, so--

17 MR. SWEAT: - - when we saw that.

18 MALE VOICE: So yeah, like how long after
19 did you guys split up do you think, after that
20 incident?

21 MR. SWEAT: I'd say probably a half hour,
22 probably.

23 MALE VOICE: Oh, okay, so it was kind of
24 early on when that happened then. Okay. All
25 right, that sounds good. Yeah, 'cause oddly

1 enough, I don't think they ever reported that.

2 MR. SWEAT: - - that's why we were laughing
3 about it.

4 MALE VOICE: Yeah. That's what I told them,
5 I said they were laughing about it because they
6 knew it wasn't going to get reported. Okay,
7 another question that somebody had was you said
8 you started this sometime around January, do you
9 think that's right?

10 MR. SWEAT: That sounds about right.

11 MALE VOICE: Because Joyce is saying she
12 only brought in hacksaw blades once, and it was
13 well after January. So people are saying, well,
14 how did he do it then.

15 MR. SWEAT: She brought them in twice.

16 MALE VOICE: She did it twice.

17 MR. SWEAT: Yeah, she did it twice.

18 MALE VOICE: So and the first time was--

19 MR. SWEAT: The first time was four, the
20 second time--or the first time was six, the
21 second time was two.

22 MALE VOICE: Okay. So the first time had to
23 have been around January, right?

24 MR. SWEAT: Right.

25 MALE VOICE: Because did you have any before

1 she brought them in? Did you--

2 MR. SWEAT: No.

3 MALE VOICE: Okay, so that's the only way
4 you got those hacksaw blades. Okay. And you
5 never had a grinder.

6 MR. SWEAT: Never had a grinder.

7 MALE VOICE: And you never had a
8 reciprocating saw blade.

9 MR. SWEAT: Never had - -

10 MALE VOICE: And you never used any power
11 tools.

12 MR. SWEAT: No power tools.

13 MALE VOICE: All right, because I'm telling
14 you right now, they're going to call me a liar.
15 They already did this morning.

16 MR. SWEAT: You can check the mark and you
17 can tell it's not done with power tools.

18 MALE VOICE: Well, that's what they're
19 looking at. They're looking at these tool marks
20 and they're like--they can't figure out what it
21 is, but they're like no, no, he used a grinder.
22 That mark is from a grinder.

23 MR. SWEAT: A grinder would have smoothed it
24 out. They're not smooth, they're rigid, and
25 they're not evenly rigid, so they can tell that

1 it's not done with a reciprocating saw.

2 MALE VOICE: Yeah. See, we have a forensic
3 kind of expert that all the cases I go on, he
4 goes on. He said from day one, he goes, "They
5 did that by hand." No one else believed it,
6 they're like absolutely not, it's not possible.

7 MR. SWEAT: It's a lot of work.

8 MALE VOICE: Yeah, that's kind of what I
9 said. I'm like I think if you talked to the guy
10 you'd kind of realize he probably did do it by
11 hand. And the other thing they were talking
12 about was they said he used a hammer drill
13 because it was concrete. Something about some
14 marks in some concrete. I don't know if it was
15 a hole or chips or what.

16 MR. SWEAT: It was pre-drilled--when you're
17 doing concrete, after some years and they have
18 to do work on it, they'll drill holes through it
19 and see how strong it is to make sure that it's
20 still holding - -

21 MALE VOICE: Yeah, check the integrity of
22 it.

23 MR. SWEAT: That's what they did when they
24 were putting in new pipe.

25 MALE VOICE: Okay.

1 MR. SWEAT: They didn't take the concrete
2 out because it was still good. What they did
3 was they refilled it in front of it.

4 MALE VOICE: Okay.

5 MR. SWEAT: If the person who looks looks
6 good enough, they'll see that there are holes
7 that are half covered in concrete still.

8 MALE VOICE: Okay.

9 MR. SWEAT: Still - - concrete, and they'll
10 know that that wasn't us, that was--

11 MALE VOICE: Okay.

12 MR. SWEAT: And that was big. That was a
13 big four drill bit that they used.

14 MALE VOICE: Yeah, that's what they're
15 saying - -

16 MR. SWEAT: Yeah, you need some real serious
17 tool for that.

18 MALE VOICE: Yeah, and they're trying to
19 tell me that you did that. But you did do--what
20 jobs--I'm trying to--I haven't had a chance to
21 like go over my notes from the other night, but
22 did you say something about using like a metal
23 rod or something and using that as a chisel to
24 hammer?

25 MR. SWEAT: Yeah, I found--it was a large

1 bolt.

2 MALE VOICE: Large bolt?

3 MR. SWEAT: And what I did was I cut the end
4 into an angle.

5 MALE VOICE: Okay.

6 MR. SWEAT: So that it would work as a
7 chisel.

8 MALE VOICE: Okay. But you didn't use the
9 chisels that she brought in?

10 MR. SWEAT: No, I did. This was before I
11 got the chisels from her.

12 MALE VOICE: Okay, and so then later on she
13 gave you the second delivery with the two
14 blades, and that's the one that had the chisels
15 in it?

16 MR. SWEAT: No, they came in separate.

17 MALE VOICE: Oh, the chisels was a whole
18 other delivery?

19 MR. SWEAT: The blades and the chisels and
20 the punch were totally separate.

21 MALE VOICE: Okay, so the punch was all by
22 itself, too?

23 MR. SWEAT: The punch was--

24 MALE VOICE: Or is that the star bit that
25 you're talking about?

1 MR. SWEAT: No, the punch was with the
2 chisels. The star bits were the first thing we
3 got.

4 MALE VOICE: Okay.

5 MR. SWEAT: The very first thing we got.

6 MALE VOICE: Okay. So you did have a punch,
7 too.

8 MR. SWEAT: Yes.

9 MALE VOICE: Okay. People were getting that
10 confused. They were calling it--they thought it
11 was one or the other. And did you end up using
12 the punch for anything?

13 MR. SWEAT: Actually, the punch worked
14 better than the chisels did.

15 MALE VOICE: So you used that for the brick
16 wall or--okay.

17 MR. SWEAT: Oh, no, they used that for
18 concrete. The brick wall was all - - like
19 another thin rod that I found, and tweezers, and
20 I ended up using--ended up getting a sledge
21 hammer.

22 MALE VOICE: Okay.

23 MR. SWEAT: But the brick wall was already
24 falling down anyway because it was sitting--

25 MALE VOICE: Right.

1 MR. SWEAT: --on part of the steam pipe.

2 MALE VOICE: I remember you saying that,
3 yeah. So and I've never been down there, so I'm
4 just trying to envision that a little bit.

5 MR. SWEAT: You can't.

6 MALE VOICE: Yeah. So--

7 MR. SWEAT: You'll never understand it.

8 MALE VOICE: Right, yeah. So like the pipe
9 went through a brick wall, so you - - brick
10 wall to follow it some more. Then it goes to a
11 concrete wall?

12 MR. SWEAT: Yeah.

13 MALE VOICE: But you never got through the
14 concrete wall, or did you?

15 MR. SWEAT: I started going through the
16 concrete wall. I got probably like - - into the
17 concrete wall.

18 MALE VOICE: Okay.

19 MR. SWEAT: Then they turned the pipe - -

20 MALE VOICE: And then--oh, okay.

21 MR. SWEAT: Once they turned the heat off I
22 knew--and I heard it turning.

23 MALE VOICE: And you said that's the better
24 way to go.

25 MR. SWEAT: It's going to be quicker. It's

1 not going to be comfortable.

2 MALE VOICE: I get it now.

3 MR. SWEAT: But it's faster.

4 MALE VOICE: And now this big concrete wall,
5 is that the big front wall that you see - -
6 that's the - -

7 MR. SWEAT: That's the - -

8 MALE VOICE: Okay, now I understand it.
9 Okay. So yeah, once you heard the water go off
10 you're like okay, boom, I'm done, let's do this.

11 MR. SWEAT: Yeah, yeah.

12 MALE VOICE: All right. So how many times
13 do you think Joyce brought stuff? She brought
14 hacksaw blades twice, she brought chisels, she
15 brought--so five different times?

16 MR. SWEAT: About that.

17 MALE VOICE: So you got two trips with the
18 hacksaw blades--

19 MR. SWEAT: Two trips with hacksaw blades, a
20 trip with the chisels and the punch, and then
21 two separate trips for the star - - .

22 MALE VOICE: Okay, so you got your two
23 different--

24 MR. SWEAT: Two different styles.

25 MALE VOICE: Was it always hamburger meat

1 every single time?

2 MR. SWEAT: No.

3 MALE VOICE: What other kinds of--

4 MR. SWEAT: The only time it was the
5 hamburger meat was the second thing of hacksaw
6 blades--

7 MALE VOICE: Okay, with the two.

8 MR. SWEAT: --and the chisels.

9 MALE VOICE: Okay.

10 MR. SWEAT: The other stuff was - - back on
11 her own.

12 MALE VOICE: Okay, so she'd just get it into
13 the tailor's shop and you guys would just it
14 back on your own?

15 MR. SWEAT: Yeah.

16 MALE VOICE: Okay.

17 MR. SWEAT: - -

18 MALE VOICE: Right. Were there metal
19 detectors or anything like that?

20 MR. SWEAT: Oh, yeah, absolutely.

21 MALE VOICE: But you were able to--did you
22 get around them?

23 MR. SWEAT: Yeah.

24 MALE VOICE: Okay. How--can I ask how that
25 happened, or--

1 MR. SWEAT: Well, at various places the
2 only thing, getting around things. Any type of
3 medical emergency thing or anything like that,
4 they'll go through metal detectors and just - -
5 the medical - - so when they take you to medical
6 now and you come out, you don't go through any
7 metal detectors either, you go back to your
8 block.

9 MALE VOICE: Okay.

10 MR. SWEAT: So it's - - you can take
11 anything where you want to go.

12 MALE VOICE: Okay.

13 MR. SWEAT: There's little holes in
14 everything.

15 MALE VOICE: Right.

16 MR. SWEAT: Because the guys are jerk-offs.
17 They're more worried about pissing everybody off
18 than actually doing their jobs.

19 MALE VOICE: They're more worried about
20 pissing you guys off, or their bosses?

21 MR. SWEAT: - -

22 MALE VOICE: Yeah.

23 MR. SWEAT: - - facility, they'd rather sit
24 there and just be assholes to everybody than
25 actually do their actual jobs. Which is really

1 stupid.

2 MALE VOICE: Yeah, it's kind of probably
3 discouraging for you guys, maybe.

4 MR. SWEAT: Yeah, a lot.

5 MALE VOICE: So did Matt have some medical
6 emergencies that he faked, basically, to do
7 that?

8 MR. SWEAT: No, he was doing--he actually
9 had problems.

10 MALE VOICE: Yeah.

11 MR. SWEAT: With his back, and it fit right
12 in.

13 MALE VOICE: So it worked out perfectly.

14 MR. SWEAT: Yeah.

15 MALE VOICE: Okay. And like you said, yeah,
16 he wasn't faking that, he--

17 MR. SWEAT: No, he was definitely serious
18 with that.

19 MALE VOICE: And when he got better, he
20 really did get better, really whatever they did,
21 it worked.

22 MR. SWEAT: Yeah.

23 MALE VOICE: Okay.

24 MR. SWEAT: They gave him an anti-
25 inflammatory and some sort of a muscle - - or

1 something.

2 MALE VOICE: Okay. Let me just make sure I
3 covered this - - . The cell paint we talked
4 about, the tape we talked about. You said you
5 left more than that "have a nice day" note. You
6 left some other ones like you're punking me, or
7 something like that.

8 MR. SWEAT: Are you trying to punk me.

9 MALE VOICE: Are you trying to punk?

10 MR. SWEAT: Yeah.

11 MALE VOICE: So were those right in the same
12 tunnel, or was it somewhere else?

13 MR. SWEAT: It's in the sink. Well, what I
14 did is I put one in every place that I had to go
15 through something stupid. The tube going from B
16 block, you've got to crawl up on the pipes and
17 crawl through this tube. I had to cut a bar
18 that was in the way. So I put one there,
19 because that was a real pain in the ass. It
20 said are you trying to punk it or what - - .
21 And then I put one on the brick wall, another
22 one there with a magnet, because we had to - -
23 brick wall - -

24 MALE VOICE: So every time you had a pain in
25 the ass to get through, you left a note there

1 for--

2 MR. SWEAT: Yeah, are you trying to punk me.

3 MALE VOICE: Okay. So there was two of
4 those and then the have a nice day?

5 MR. SWEAT: Have a nice day.

6 MALE VOICE: Okay. I don't think they ever
7 found those other two, so they're probably going
8 to go back down there looking.

9 MR. SWEAT: - - I made three - -

10 MALE VOICE: Right. And maybe someone did
11 find them and I just don't know about them yet.

12 MR. SWEAT: Kept them to themselves if they
13 found them.

14 MALE VOICE: Yeah, maybe. Okay, yeah,
15 another question was so when the first time you
16 got out of the tunnel was Thursday, is that
17 right?

18 MR. SWEAT: Yeah.

19 MALE VOICE: And you went down, you popped
20 up, you followed it to the power plant?

21 MR. SWEAT: Yeah. I ended up going--before
22 I even popped up, I ended up going actually
23 inside the power plant, and only in here I stuck
24 my head out and I was like, oh, I don't want to
25 go this far.

1 MALE VOICE: Oh, so you could walk from
2 where you were right inside the power plant?

3 MR. SWEAT: Right into the power plant.

4 MALE VOICE: Okay, all right.

5 MR. SWEAT: - - go right in there, there's
6 no gates, no doors, nothing.

7 MALE VOICE: Oh, okay, I didn't know that.
8 So--okay, go ahead.

9 MR. SWEAT: And then I backtracked to the
10 first manhole cover coming from the power house
11 didn't have a chain. So I pushed that up and
12 out of the way. And ended up coming up right
13 next to the power house, right in the yard. But
14 it wasn't--I knew right where it was, because
15 you ended up in somebody else's back yard, too,
16 and you can see the power house, you can see all
17 the cars that were parked, and with all the
18 lights on, so I figured somebody might be out
19 there.

20 MALE VOICE: How far out did you get when
21 you were scoping it out?

22 MR. SWEAT: Just enough to stick my head out
23 so I could - -

24 MALE VOICE: Yeah, so you moved the cover,
25 the manhole cover right off to the side?

1 MR. SWEAT: Yeah.

2 MALE VOICE: And then you just kind of
3 looked around?

4 MR. SWEAT: - -

5 MALE VOICE: And then you put it right back
6 on?

7 MR. SWEAT: Yeah.

8 MALE VOICE: Okay.

9 MR. SWEAT: And that didn't work, I didn't
10 like that one, so I went to the next one, it had
11 the chain on it.

12 MALE VOICE: That's in--

13 MR. SWEAT: Right, which is really messed
14 up, because I was pretty much out of hacksaw
15 blades by then. So a little time - - . I ended
16 up having to use the two fingers to cut through
17 a chain.

18 MALE VOICE: You did that Thursday night
19 then?

20 MR. SWEAT: Yeah, I did that Thursday night.

21 MALE VOICE: So that was all ready to go for
22 Friday?

23 MR. SWEAT: Yeah.

24 MALE VOICE: Okay, that's what I thought.

25 Did you pop your head out of that one, too, or--

1 MR. SWEAT: Yeah, just--I didn't really
2 pop it out, because I could see the houses, so I
3 guess I rotated it around, and as I rotated I'd
4 look--

5 MALE VOICE: Look around.

6 MR. SWEAT: --see where I was.

7 MALE VOICE: So you liked that one better
8 because it was in the street and it wasn't in
9 someone's back yard?

10 MR. SWEAT: Right. It would be a easier
11 place for her to see us to pick us up.

12 MALE VOICE: Okay. And was she supposed to
13 meet you--did she know to meet you at that
14 manhole cover, or--

15 MR. SWEAT: We told her to - - at the old
16 school building, because that's just straight
17 down that corner where that manhole cover is.

18 MALE VOICE: Okay.

19 MR. SWEAT: We told her to park right next
20 to the manhole cover. I didn't know it was in
21 the middle of the street, I thought it was off
22 to the side.

23 MALE VOICE: Right.

24 MR. SWEAT: I told her to park next to that
25 and that's where we would come up out of.

1 MALE VOICE: Okay. How did you tell her
2 that, like in person, or a note or--

3 MR. SWEAT: A note.

4 MALE VOICE: Okay. So I'm assuming Friday
5 you slipped her a note during work or--

6 MR. SWEAT: I had a hacksaw - -

7 MALE VOICE: Okay, and that was basically
8 this is where you're going to meet us and what
9 time and all that stuff? Okay. Did she know--
10 you said the original plan was to get to West
11 Virginia first--

12 MR. SWEAT: Yeah.

13 MALE VOICE: --and then lay low.

14 MR. SWEAT: She didn't know where we were
15 going or what we were doing.

16 MALE VOICE: That's what I thought, she
17 didn't know any of that. Okay, all right. That
18 kind of makes more sense. Some--this is
19 skipping ahead a little bit. Towards the end
20 you talked about getting up in some tree stands
21 or tree blinds or deer blinds.

22 MR. SWEAT: Deer blinds.

23 MALE VOICE: So there was like an actual
24 tower, one of those, or was it one that was just
25 up in a tree?

1 MR. SWEAT: Some of them are--well,
2 they're not really towers, but some of them are
3 up pretty high.

4 MALE VOICE: But what are they on, like a
5 post or a tree or--

6 MR. SWEAT: Yeah, it's like a little--it's
7 just a little - - and they stick on posts.

8 MALE VOICE: Okay, yeah.

9 MR. SWEAT: With a little staircase going up
10 to them.

11 MALE VOICE: Okay. And okay, so one guy
12 calls in and he says he's out from--I don't know
13 if it's Burke or what. He thinks he found a
14 water bottle below his tree stand, and he's got
15 a hot tub outside, and he thinks someone went in
16 his hot tub. And they're like did Dave go into
17 a hot tub? I'm like, I highly doubt it. I
18 didn't think you were relaxing that much.

19 MR. SWEAT: Yeah. No.

20 MALE VOICE: Yeah, okay.

21 MR. SWEAT: I don't remember any hot tubs.

22 MALE VOICE: Yeah. Did you take any
23 showers?

24 MR. SWEAT: No.

25 MALE VOICE: In people's camps or anything

1 like that?

2 MR. SWEAT: No.

3 MALE VOICE: Okay. That's what I thought
4 but I never asked you that, so I figured I'd ask
5 you. Let me see what other kind of notes I have
6 over here. I was going to try to show you a
7 map. And so the chisels you were using on the
8 concrete at first?

9 MR. SWEAT: Right.

10 MALE VOICE: Okay. Were you hammering them
11 with a 2-lb. hammer?

12 MR. SWEAT: Yeah.

13 MALE VOICE: Okay. Oh, I guess that's
14 another question they're asking, like what other
15 tools--and I know I already asked you about what
16 other tools did you take out of that toolbox. I
17 think you told me it was the hammer--

18 MR. SWEAT: 2-lb. hammer which I always put
19 back, a punch that I put back at first until I
20 broke it, then I just kept it.

21 MALE VOICE: Okay, which you're using on the
22 concrete?

23 MR. SWEAT: On the concrete. And then a
24 head lamp.

25 MALE VOICE: Okay.

1 MR. SWEAT: And I took two asbestos masks.

2 MALE VOICE: Okay, yeah, you did say that.

3 MR. SWEAT: I think that's it. I don't
4 think I took anything else out of there.

5 MALE VOICE: Okay, and so you always put
6 that stuff back every night and locked them back
7 up?

8 MR. SWEAT: I kept the masks - - masks.

9 MALE VOICE: Right.

10 MR. SWEAT: - -

11 MALE VOICE: So where did you keep the
12 masks? Like you didn't bring them back to your
13 cell. Or did you just hide them somewhere?

14 MR. SWEAT: They're down--they're still down
15 in the--I'm sure you guys got them now, but
16 they're down in the tunnel right where the pipe
17 is.

18 MALE VOICE: Okay.

19 MR. SWEAT: Where the first cut is.

20 MALE VOICE: Right where the first cut is?
21 Okay. All right. So are you guys--you talked
22 about you waited for Joyce and you said--so she
23 didn't show up.

24 MR. SWEAT: No.

25 MALE VOICE: And do you remember about how

1 long you waited for her?

2 MR. SWEAT: Like we couldn't stand there
3 because the guy was there.

4 MALE VOICE: The guy who found you--who saw
5 that you cut through his--

6 MR. SWEAT: - - yard, yeah.

7 MALE VOICE: Yeah.

8 MR. SWEAT: So we went for a walk. Took us
9 about 15 minutes and then we walked down to the
10 one end of the - -

11 MALE VOICE: Did you come out by the Ford
12 dealership?

13 MR. SWEAT: No, the other way.

14 MALE VOICE: Oh, so you walked north?

15 MR. SWEAT: Right, then walked west.

16 MALE VOICE: Yeah, I'm sorry, west, yeah.

17 MR. SWEAT: And then we came back east to
18 walk down the street again to see if maybe she
19 pulled in yet.

20 MALE VOICE: Okay.

21 MR. SWEAT: She wasn't there, so I said
22 well, we've got to go.

23 MALE VOICE: Yep.

24 MR. SWEAT: We can't waste any more time..

25 MALE VOICE: Okay.

1 MR. SWEAT: And that's when we left.

2 MALE VOICE: Were you walking like on that
3 side street where you popped out, or did you go
4 way back--I'm sure you didn't go back up to 374
5 at first.

6 MR. SWEAT: No, no.

7 MALE VOICE: So you're walking--

8 MR. SWEAT: Right, we went to the far back
9 street.

10 MALE VOICE: Yeah.

11 MR. SWEAT: As far back that the power house
12 sits on.

13 MALE VOICE: Okay.

14 MR. SWEAT: That's the street that we walked
15 on.

16 MALE VOICE: So this map isn't that great.
17 I mean, I'll show you some stuff on it later,
18 but I'm trying to pull some stuff up on my
19 phone. So like I think you came out on--was it
20 Barker Street, which is--you got the facility
21 here--I don't know if you can see that. This is
22 Emmons Street, that's where the flashing red
23 light is. It's like kind of the main
24 intersection. I want to say the manhole cover
25 was right in there. I don't know if any of that

1 looks familiar or not or--

2 MR. SWEAT: - - the corner of Barker and
3 Buck Street.

4 MALE VOICE: Okay.

5 MR. SWEAT: That's where that manhole cover
6 is.

7 MALE VOICE: Yeah, that's where I thought it
8 was.

9 MR. SWEAT: Then we went down to the--

10 MALE VOICE: So you walked this way.

11 MR. SWEAT: No, we went right south.

12 MALE VOICE: Okay, so you go south on like
13 say Barker?

14 MR. SWEAT: Yeah, that last street.

15 MALE VOICE: Which is Smith Street. I don't
16 know if you can see it all right. Okay.

17 MR. SWEAT: - - Street, and then we walked
18 down - - Street.

19 MALE VOICE: Okay, then you walked--so
20 you're going this way.

21 MR. SWEAT: Yeah.

22 MALE VOICE: So you just went for a walk for
23 a while?

24 MR. SWEAT: We went all the way down there
25 to--was it Manly?

1 MALE VOICE: Yeah, Manly Road.

2 MR. SWEAT: We walked up Manly Road.

3 MALE VOICE: Okay.

4 MR. SWEAT: Then we walked all the way back
5 again the same way we just came from.

6 MALE VOICE: Okay, then you just backtracked
7 and went right back the same way. And she
8 wasn't there.

9 MR. SWEAT: She wasn't there, so we went
10 back that same way we just came.

11 MALE VOICE: Okay.

12 MR. SWEAT: Up to 374.

13 MALE VOICE: Okay, so now you're walking out
14 this way.

15 MR. SWEAT: Yeah. And that first left right
16 there, that's the road we took.

17 MALE VOICE: - - road.

18 MR. SWEAT: Yeah.

19 MALE VOICE: So you go down there, and then
20 from there, did you go all the way to the end of
21 it, do you think?

22 MR. SWEAT: Yeah, we just kept going. No, I
23 don't think we went to the end. If we had kept
24 going, we would have taken a right before then.

25 MALE VOICE: Okay, so let me just see if I

1 can--and did you take a right onto a road, or
2 is that where you found the trail?

3 MR. SWEAT: On - - roads.

4 MALE VOICE: Okay, you always stayed on
5 roads?

6 MR. SWEAT: We always stayed on roads.

7 MALE VOICE: So the next big road is Dam
8 Road. Like if you're coming down - - so you've
9 got to go to--okay, I'll take you right back.
10 So there's 374, so you're going down here and
11 those are all dead ends, so you're going to
12 down--Dam Road goes to the right. I don't know
13 if you can see that.

14 MR. SWEAT: - - the one we took.

15 MALE VOICE: So from there, dead end, dead
16 end. And then that one just keeps on. Now
17 you're going more west.

18 MR. SWEAT: Right.

19 MALE VOICE: Yeah, that's probably--I'm
20 thinking that might be Route 3 right there. If
21 I can just see real quick. No, that's Shazey
22 Lake Road. So that's going to take you back to
23 the north towards Shazey Lake, which if I zoom
24 in you can see Dannemora. If you stay on 374
25 you're going to hit Shazey Lake, which is right

1 there, and so yeah, I don't know, so if I go
2 back, you guys are going down--oh, let me find
3 it.

4 MR. SWEAT: We ended up on the--when we
5 finally got off, we came to--there's a dead end
6 if we went straight. The road was south if we
7 took left. So we took a right, went up this
8 hill, like at the top of the hill there is a
9 walking park-like thing that you can go into,
10 so--and there's a four-wheeler thing up there,
11 too. - -

12 MALE VOICE: So just for the heck of it--so
13 here's Dam Road. If you would have taken that
14 first right off of Hugh Heron.

15 MR. SWEAT: Right.

16 MALE VOICE: Let's say if you kept on
17 following it, that merges onto this road, and
18 then you come to a sharp bend. So you're not by
19 a dead end. Or if you go--or no, probably not.

20 MR. SWEAT: I remember it was some - - .

21 MALE VOICE: Okay. Oh, then that road--
22 yeah, it bends north and actually then it's just
23 a dead end right there, so it's probably not--

24 MR. SWEAT: - -

25 MALE VOICE: Yeah.

1 MR. SWEAT: We always see dead ends on
2 them. We never went down dead end roads.

3 MALE VOICE: Oh, so if it said dead end, you
4 just didn't go down it.

5 MR. SWEAT: We didn't go, right.

6 MALE VOICE: So that whole first night
7 you're basically following roads and you're kind
8 of working your way out--

9 MR. SWEAT: We went through the town of
10 Saranac.

11 MALE VOICE: Okay, yeah, so you ended up in
12 the town of Saranac, which is way down there.

13 MR. SWEAT: We went - -

14 MALE VOICE: Okay, so you had Dannemora up
15 here, Saranac's right down there.

16 MR. SWEAT: But we were above it. We didn't
17 to--

18 MALE VOICE: Yeah. So let me just retrace
19 that stuff again here real quick. So if I go
20 Hugh Heron Road--

21 MR. SWEAT: We also walked past the marker
22 that said 11 miles to Lion Mountain.

23 MALE VOICE: Okay. I wonder if you went to
24 Nashville Road. Because if you go--say you go
25 down Hugh Heron, that first left, if you keep on

1 going--if you go straight it turns into
2 Nashville Road. It takes you--there's Route 3
3 and Saranac right there. And I wonder if that's
4 where you guys took a right and started heading
5 out on Shazey Lake road that way.

6 MR. SWEAT: Could be.

7 MALE VOICE: Possible. And then so yeah,
8 it's going to be hard to--yeah, because then if
9 you keep on going, if you took that right,
10 that's--I'll show you this. I'll go back to
11 where I started here. So you go down--back to
12 where I was. Okay, yeah, so you're coming down
13 Hugh Heron Road. It turns into Nashville Road,
14 so you keep on going straight. Now you've got
15 to go left or right. And you said at one point
16 you took a right.

17 MR. SWEAT: Yeah.

18 MALE VOICE: So let's just say you go right,
19 now you're on Shazey Lake road and you're going
20 to come--let's say you kept on going straight,
21 can you see that?

22 MR. SWEAT: Yeah.

23 MALE VOICE: Let's say you kept on going
24 straight onto that road. Eventually that road
25 turns into a dead end, which will take you back

1 here. If you went left, you go south, if you
2 went right, you're going up.

3 MR. SWEAT: Yeah, that would probably be - -

4 MALE VOICE: That could have been it.

5 That's #37 road. Then that's going to get you
6 onto Adirondack Park Preserve Road.

7 MR. SWEAT: Yeah, it would probably go - -
8 considering that there's - - park or something.

9 MALE VOICE: And what that does is that
10 takes you--let me get my bearings here. Yeah,
11 so what that does--

12 MR. SWEAT: And that's where we would have
13 left the road.

14 MALE VOICE: Yeah, that makes sense, because
15 you get on the Adirondack Park Preserve Road ,
16 now you're going back kind of north up towards
17 Shazey Lake, or West, I guess.

18 MR. SWEAT: Yeah.

19 MALE VOICE: The road ends right there. If
20 you kept on--that's--

21 MR. SWEAT: Well, we never made it to the
22 end of - -

23 MALE VOICE: Yeah, so that's the lake. So I
24 bet you if you went there and got to the end,
25 then I'll show you where that is. It would have

1 put you right up in here somewhere so you're
2 south of Lion Mountain, and then you've got
3 Shatigay--upper Shatigay.

4 MR. SWEAT: We would have had to gone past
5 that because it was--

6 MALE VOICE: - -

7 MR. SWEAT: --Lion Mountain, 11 miles north
8 to Lion Mountain.

9 MALE VOICE: 11 miles north to Lion
10 Mountain.

11 MR. SWEAT: Yeah.

12 MALE VOICE: Okay.

13 MR. SWEAT: We would have had to gone past
14 that.

15 MALE VOICE: So you were south of there.

16 MR. SWEAT: Yeah.

17 MALE VOICE: Okay. Did you ever take that
18 road--did you ever go to Lion Mountain?

19 MR. SWEAT: No.

20 MALE VOICE: Okay, so when you saw that you
21 pretty much kept on going west?

22 MR. SWEAT: - -

23 MALE VOICE: Okay, so 11 miles north to Lion
24 Mountain. That could have been Standish Road
25 right there. We actually found some boot prints

1 on--

2 MR. SWEAT: - - .

3 MALE VOICE: New land trust.

4 MR. SWEAT: New land trust, that's where
5 that park is. Wherever that is, that's some
6 sort of new land trust.

7 MALE VOICE: Okay, and that's where you guys
8 were?

9 MR. SWEAT: Right, that's where we left the
10 road.

11 MALE VOICE: Okay, I'm not familiar with
12 that, but somebody might know. So when you left
13 the road, I take it you guys were pretty much
14 heading west.

15 MR. SWEAT: Yeah.

16 MALE VOICE: So you stayed south of Lion
17 Mountain.

18 MR. SWEAT: Yeah.

19 MALE VOICE: And I would say you're--were
20 you on the four-wheeler trail at that point when
21 you left the road?

22 MR. SWEAT: No, we just turned--there was a
23 four-wheeler trail, but we just used it to get
24 off the road. - -

25 MALE VOICE: Okay.

1 MR. SWEAT: - - this little park area and
2 we kept going. We didn't want to stay in the
3 park.

4 MALE VOICE: Yeah. Let me try it on the map
5 here, too, because it's a little--is it okay if
6 I show him the map? I didn't think of that.
7 All right. This is--we put a nice little inset
8 right here which is the area that I actually
9 wanted to see, so I don't know if it makes any--
10 if any of this makes any sense. So basically
11 you've got Dannemora right here, so you guys are
12 kind of down in the streets there. Hugh Heron
13 is right here, so you guys would have went
14 somewhere around there. So you start heading--
15 put this down a little bit. Can you see all
16 right if I do that. So where was I. So you've
17 got Denamore. You guys ended up going down Hugh
18 Heron Road. Somewhere you end up you're going
19 west.

20 MR. SWEAT: For the most part we were headed
21 southwest.

22 MALE VOICE: So you're just kind of going
23 southwest. You see a sign at some point that
24 says 11 miles north to Lion Mountain.

25 MR. SWEAT: Yeah.

1 MALE VOICE: Okay, so you're still kind of
2 going this way somewhere.

3 MR. SWEAT: And we were just--I'm guessing
4 just north of Saranac.

5 MALE VOICE: Okay.

6 MR. SWEAT: Because it said one mile to
7 Saranac.

8 MALE VOICE: Yeah, so this is the town of
9 Saranac, so I think the actual--so there's
10 Katyville, and yeah, so anyway I think Saranac
11 is right off of Route 3 here somewhere, so
12 you're basically--you're one mile north of that
13 you thought?

14 MR. SWEAT: Yeah.

15 MALE VOICE: So you're staying in this area
16 kind of in here, between Route 3 and 374?

17 MR. SWEAT: Yeah.

18 MALE VOICE: This is kind of a main--like
19 Standish Road.

20 MR. SWEAT: That was probably only about
21 halfway through our day.

22 MALE VOICE: Through that first--okay.

23 MR. SWEAT: Walking, yeah. Because we
24 walked until we couldn't walk anymore.

25 MALE VOICE: So you walked all night long.

1 MR. SWEAT: All night, non-stop.

2 MALE VOICE: And then halfway through the
3 next day you just couldn't walk anymore.

4 MR. SWEAT: We stopped probably around--I'd
5 say 6 o'clock, 6:30.

6 MALE VOICE: Okay.

7 MR. SWEAT: Because we couldn't walk. We
8 had blisters on our feet, so we had to stop.

9 MALE VOICE: And did you find a camp that
10 night, the night that you stopped?

11 MR. SWEAT: We ended up setting up - - in
12 the park and - - people wouldn't walk.

13 MALE VOICE: Okay.

14 MR. SWEAT: And - - (background noise)

15 MALE VOICE: Okay, so--

16 MR. SWEAT: - - that was all mountain.

17 MALE VOICE: You've got a mountains right in
18 there.

19 MR. SWEAT: Yeah, we had quite a few
20 mountains.

21 MALE VOICE: Okay. So you guys could have
22 been--you could have stopped somewhere--I don't
23 know, you're somewhere around Standish. Do you
24 ever remember seeing any signs for that or High
25 Bank?

1 MR. SWEAT: - -

2 MALE VOICE: Okay.

3 MR. SWEAT: I know the next time we got on a
4 road was--there was a - - road just before Wolf
5 Pond Road. Wolf Pond Road is a dirt road.

6 MALE VOICE: Yeah, so here's Wolf Pond Road.

7 MR. SWEAT: Yeah. We came right up onto
8 that paved road and then onto Wolf Pond Road.

9 MALE VOICE: So it must be--maybe you were
10 down here, you picked up Standish road and maybe
11 headed over--and did you take a left onto Wolf
12 Pond, do you remember?

13 MR. SWEAT: Left on Wolf Pond Road.

14 MALE VOICE: Okay, so it's a good chance
15 you're on Standish and probably no idea how far
16 down you were, but--

17 MR. SWEAT: We weren't that far. We didn't
18 walk that far on the paved road before we hit
19 Wolf Pond.

20 MALE VOICE: Okay. So you picked Wolf Pond
21 right up from that and then you just--did you
22 just kind of stay on Wolf Pond for a while?

23 MR. SWEAT: - - for a while, yeah.

24 MALE VOICE: Okay, and that's where you ran
25 into the marijuana growers and all that stuff.

1 MR. SWEAT: Yeah.

2 MALE VOICE: What happened after that, I
3 guess, as far as directions?

4 MR. SWEAT: - - (background noise) the--we
5 stayed on that road. Because there's tons of
6 cabins throughout that--

7 MALE VOICE: All over Wolf Pond there's just
8 cabins everywhere.

9 MR. SWEAT: All over, right.

10 MALE VOICE: So it's pretty easy to--easy
11 pickings.

12 MR. SWEAT: Yeah.

13 MALE VOICE: I think this is Mount - - right
14 here, right, by Owl's Head - - that big lake?

15 MR. SWEAT: - - we were walking down Wolf
16 Pond Road. We thought the cops - - because we
17 made the mistake of walking after it rained, so
18 we think the cops saw our footprints and chased
19 us into the woods, so it was pitch black. So we
20 went down into the woods a ways and then
21 backtracked down and around and then we went
22 back across the road so that we wouldn't be on
23 the same side they were searching.

24 MALE VOICE: I remember when that happened,
25 to tell you the truth. And--

1 MR. SWEAT: - - woods - -

2 MALE VOICE: Studly Hill Road, I think, does
3 that sound right? You were walking up--at that--
4 -I can probably show you on the phone better,
5 because you--I remember where it had just
6 rained, and some guys saw some footprints and
7 they said these are fresh. And I think you guys
8 still had your boots at that time, they were
9 boot prints. And they thought it was two sets.
10 And they go these are fresh, and they went off
11 to the left, and it actually looked like they
12 doubled back, but then we didn't really get
13 anything else after that. But that's exactly
14 what you said.

15 MR. SWEAT: Because we walked across the
16 road backwards.

17 MALE VOICE: Okay. So you've got Wolf Pond
18 - - here. I'm just following the backtrack for
19 a little bit. So Wolf Pond Road, Wolf Pond
20 Road--man, that was a long road.

21 MR. SWEAT: Yeah, it was.

22 MALE VOICE: Okay. Yeah, so there's
23 Standish Road. So Wolf Pond--and I just wanted
24 to see where that--there's this--that time when
25 it rained, was that quite a ways down Wolf Pond

1 Road?

2 MR. SWEAT: Yeah.

3 MALE VOICE: - -

4 MR. SWEAT: Yeah, because after that we
5 didn't travel on a road no more. - - through
6 mountains.

7 MALE VOICE: Yeah. I'm thinking that was
8 near Owl's Head where we had--

9 MR. SWEAT: No, we're still farther south of
10 - - because - - to Owl's Head without going
11 through Mountain View first.

12 MALE VOICE: So this was before Mountain
13 View.

14 MR. SWEAT: Right.

15 MALE VOICE: Okay. Yeah, I'll check it out
16 then. I was thinking the one that we saw with
17 the boot prints, which was kind of similar to
18 what you said, was over near Owl's Head
19 somewhere, but I'll have to--none of this is
20 really--

21 MR. SWEAT: Yeah, we never made it to Owl's
22 Head.

23 MALE VOICE: Yeah, there's this road called
24 Studly Hill Road, which is the one--okay, so
25 there's 41. My phone doesn't have it. Yeah,

1 anyway--yeah, so there's Studly Hill which is
2 south of Owl's Head. California Road, do you
3 remember seeing that road?

4 MR. SWEAT: - -

5 MALE VOICE: Yeah. Were you walking--do you
6 think you were walking north on the road with
7 the boot prints?

8 MR. SWEAT: Yeah.

9 MALE VOICE: Okay. All right. So somewhere
10 south of Owl's Head, before you even hit
11 Mountain View.

12 MR. SWEAT: Right.

13 MALE VOICE: Okay, so it's going to put you
14 somewhere over in here. So when you
15 backtracked, did you just keep on going back - -
16 then or--

17 MR. SWEAT: - - Mountain View - - northwest
18 again.

19 MALE VOICE: Okay, so you went back into the
20 mountains and then you started going northwest.
21 Okay.

22 MR. SWEAT: We ended up right on top of
23 Mountain View. We climbed this - - mountain--

24 MALE VOICE: I remember you saying--

25 MR. SWEAT: - - top - -

1 MALE VOICE: Because you heard the search
2 was near Mountain View, right?

3 MR. SWEAT: Yeah.

4 MALE VOICE: And you wanted to see where you
5 guys were.

6 MR. SWEAT: Yeah - - right on Mountain View.
7 But by then they were already--they had stopped
8 really searching in Mountain View - - over in
9 Owl's Head searching.

10 MALE VOICE: They went back to Owl's Head.
11 So I mean this is Mountain View Lake. Do you
12 know what kind of view you had from the
13 mountain? Like where--

14 MR. SWEAT: The whole bottom end of it.

15 MALE VOICE: So down here?

16 MR. SWEAT: There's one mountain at the end
17 of the lake that's called specifically Mountain
18 View.

19 MALE VOICE: Okay, so that's Mountain Lake
20 you're actually on.

21 MR. SWEAT: Yeah.

22 MALE VOICE: And okay, so then this was
23 probably how far into your trip do you think?

24 MR. SWEAT: Towards the end.

25 MALE VOICE: Towards the end when you made

1 it that far?

2 MR. SWEAT: It was that day - - there.

3 MALE VOICE: So the day that you climbed
4 Mountain View, that was the day when you were
5 coming back down when you thought you got
6 spotted?

7 MR. SWEAT: Yeah.

8 MALE VOICE: Okay.

9 MR. SWEAT: Yeah, yeah, - - by the sheriff -
10 -

11 MALE VOICE: Right. You were coming down
12 Mountain View, right?

13 MR. SWEAT: We came off Mountain View across
14 the back end of the lake - -

15 MALE VOICE: Okay, so were you on the west
16 part of Mountain View, or the east part, or--

17 MR. SWEAT: We ended up on the East side.

18 MALE VOICE: Okay, so you crossed the swamp
19 somewhere down here?

20 MR. SWEAT: Right at the bottom.

21 MALE VOICE: Okay, so there was another
22 Charlie Pond, Duck Pond--

23 MR. SWEAT: Yeah, right in between the lake
24 and--it's like a huge swamp.

25 MALE VOICE: Probably somewhere around there

1 or something.

2 MR. SWEAT: - -

3 MALE VOICE: Okay, and 'cause I remember you
4 said you're not going to like this but we're
5 going through that, right?

6 MR. SWEAT: Yeah.

7 MALE VOICE: So you make it through the
8 swamp. Where did the sighting happen, do you
9 remember about, as far as--

10 MR. SWEAT: We ended up starting to go down
11 the - - on the east side of the lake, a
12 telephone pole was running down the side of the
13 lake just up from the lake, and we were
14 traveling down them.

15 MALE VOICE: So you were doing the telephone
16 pole line?

17 MR. SWEAT: Yeah.

18 MALE VOICE: Like a transmission line?

19 MR. SWEAT: Yeah, because you could tell
20 where every house was.

21 MALE VOICE: Yeah.

22 MR. SWEAT: So you--because we're walking
23 and ended up going up in the woods a little
24 ways, and I ended up seeing a truck, so I ducked
25 down a little bit and by that time the passenger

1 in the truck was one of the sheriff's guys,
2 got out and he was in full camo.

3 MALE VOICE: Did it say sheriffs on it, do
4 you remember, or--

5 MR. SWEAT: I don't remember distinctly.

6 MALE VOICE: But it was a truck.

7 MR. SWEAT: It was a white pickup SUV. The
8 guy was dressed in like a tan khaki camo.

9 MALE VOICE: It was white, you said?

10 MR. SWEAT: Yeah, it was white.

11 MALE VOICE: Okay.

12 MR. SWEAT: So I assumed that it was a
13 sheriff.

14 MALE VOICE: And you know what burb patrol
15 looks like. It's not white and green.

16 MR. SWEAT: Yeah, burb patrol would've had--
17 right, they would have had the stripe on it.

18 MALE VOICE: Yeah, okay.

19 MR. SWEAT: And probably different uniforms,
20 too.

21 MALE VOICE: Yeah.

22 MR. SWEAT: So I assumed it was a sheriff.

23 MALE VOICE: Okay. So when you're walking
24 this telephone pole line or the transmission
25 line, and I don't know which way it goes, but do

1 you think you were going back east, or were
2 you walking north?

3 MR. SWEAT: Northwest.

4 MALE VOICE: Okay, so you're following the
5 line, so you're on the east side of Mountain
6 View lake but you're walking kind of a northwest
7 direction along the transmission line, okay.
8 All right.

9 MR. SWEAT: - - it would be split, I just
10 left him. I said - -

11 MALE VOICE: Because like you said before,
12 he was acting crazy, talking about--

13 MR. SWEAT: He was just being stupid.

14 MALE VOICE: Talking about killing people
15 and getting--

16 MR. SWEAT: It wasn't so much killing people
17 it was just oh, I'd rather die free than die in
18 prison. And I'm like why do you keep saying
19 that shit? The whole time we were in prison,
20 the whole point was getting out, getting free
21 and getting away and go live somewhere
22 peacefully for the rest of our lives. And then
23 all of a sudden when we're out, he starts
24 talking stupid shit, and I didn't want to be
25 around him anymore, so I left him there.

1 MALE VOICE: I can't say I blame you.
2 When you left him, which way were you going, did
3 you keep continuing northwest?

4 MR. SWEAT: Yeah, I ended up actually - -
5 slightly northeast, which is the opposite
6 direction of where the sheriff was, so--and
7 tried to stick to a northwest pattern but - -
8 lot of times - - different places where you have
9 no choice but to go east.

10 MALE VOICE: Yep. So you have Mountain View
11 here, so you kind of go northwest. You end up--
12 are you going northeast for a while, but you're
13 trying to make it northwest, so let's just keep
14 that in sight. So it's just to the right of
15 Owl's head. So if you're going northwest it's
16 going to take you up towards Burke, right?

17 MR. SWEAT: Yep.

18 MALE VOICE: And that's where you ended up?

19 MR. SWEAT: Yeah.

20 MALE VOICE: Okay, so let's go to Burke
21 here.

22 MR. SWEAT: Hit the bottom edge of the
23 village of Burke.

24 MALE VOICE: Okay.

25 MR. SWEAT: And took the first left before

1 you actually went into the village.

2 MALE VOICE: Okay, which is not going to be-

3 -

4 MR. SWEAT: Foley Road, I believe it was.

5 MALE VOICE: Okay, Foley. Because I know

6 you said something--oh, there was Flynn Road.

7 Let's find--

8 MR. SWEAT: Right at the bottom of Burke.

9 MALE VOICE: Okay, so there's Burke.

10 MR. SWEAT: - -

11 MALE VOICE: So it's not Brandonville Road,

12 that's County Route 24, that's a main road. So

13 you're north of that. We've got Burke, Belmont,

14 Town Line. Let's see. Flynn Road is County

15 Route 36, which will take you if you stay on

16 that, that turns into Montgomery Road. You've

17 got Depot Street, so you're basically--that will

18 take you through to 11, so you're just off to

19 the east of Burke, but that might--

20 MR. SWEAT: I was going down - - in Burke I

21 turned west, that first road right there.

22 MALE VOICE: There's a Finney Road.

23 MR. SWEAT: - - walk. And then there was

24 another road that took you right, and that road

25 that you took right actually took you out to - -

1 MALE VOICE: Okay, so you're still south
2 of Route 11.

3 MR. SWEAT: Right.

4 MALE VOICE: Oh, yeah. So let's just say
5 for the sake of argument, let's say here's
6 Burke, let's say you end up on Finney Road.

7 MR. SWEAT: That could be it.

8 MALE VOICE: And then you took a right, you
9 end up on Chambers Road.

10 MR. SWEAT: And that takes you up to 11.

11 MALE VOICE: And you've got a dead end.

12 MR. SWEAT: Yeah.

13 MALE VOICE: And then you go through the
14 woods and you're going to hit 11.

15 MR. SWEAT: Yeah, and I crossed into the
16 woods right there when I went to 11.

17 MALE VOICE: Yeah.

18 MR. SWEAT: And I went in the woods and went
19 right up across - -

20 MALE VOICE: And if you keep on--let's say
21 if you keep on going that way, yeah, because if
22 you keep on going, that's Covey Town Road right
23 there. Yeah, there's actually Flurry--what did
24 I say, there's a Finney Road, a Flurry Road,
25 and--I said Finney Road, right? And County 23.

1 MR. SWEAT: I crossed 23. I remember
2 crossing 23.

3 MALE VOICE: That was--my stupid phone
4 doesn't have the country routes on it. My other
5 map did. Let's just see here real quick. Yeah,
6 so anyway, I think it might be Chambers Road.
7 So you go north. You had to go through the
8 woods a little ways, then you hit Route 11.

9 MR. SWEAT: Yeah, it was daytime, so I
10 always traveled in the woods during the day.

11 MALE VOICE: Then once you hit Route 11, you
12 got Spencer Road that will take you north, and
13 you've got Callahan Road.

14 MR. SWEAT: As soon as I hit 11, I crossed
15 11 and I went right into the woods.

16 MALE VOICE: Okay, you were back in the
17 woods.

18 MR. SWEAT: Yeah, I started traveling across
19 ponds and stuff like that.

20 MALE VOICE: Yeah. And eventually it's
21 going to lead you up to the Covey Town Road
22 which I think was the road they got you on,
23 right?

24 MR. SWEAT: Yeah.

25 MALE VOICE: Which way were you headed on

1 Covey Town?

2 MR. SWEAT: North, or northwest, I think. I
3 actually just crossed the road, I wasn't on the
4 road.

5 MALE VOICE: Okay.

6 MR. SWEAT: I was coming from one field to
7 another.

8 MALE VOICE: So you were heading in a
9 basically westerly kind of--

10 MR. SWEAT: Yeah, northwest.

11 MALE VOICE: Okay, that makes sense. So we
12 talked about getting to the deer blinds and
13 stuff. Were those all up around that area,
14 like--

15 MR. SWEAT: A lot of them were around--

16 MALE VOICE: Around Burke?

17 MR. SWEAT: Yeah, Burke, Wolf Pond Road.

18 MALE VOICE: Oh, so down Wolf Pond Road,
19 too?

20 MR. SWEAT: - - there were a couple - -

21 MALE VOICE: And then in Burke you hit--how
22 many do you think you hit up there?

23 MR. SWEAT: - - got many in Burke.

24 MALE VOICE: Oh, you might not have. I
25 might have--

1 MR. SWEAT: No, I don't think I got many
2 in Burke.

3 MALE VOICE: Okay. I thought one time you
4 said you climbed up there and you could see the
5 search was like nowhere near you so you knew you
6 were good.

7 MR. SWEAT: That wasn't Burke, that was--I
8 don't think that was Burke. Where was I? I got
9 stuck there because this damn dog kept barking
10 so I couldn't go the way I wanted to go, and I
11 ended up having to backtrack back into a swamp.
12 And I spent the night in - - and it was a big
13 one, too, and I could see out the windows where
14 the search was, that's why I ended up spending
15 the night.

16 MALE VOICE: So you were--that wasn't
17 Webster Street Road near Owl's Head?

18 MR. SWEAT: No.

19 MALE VOICE: Because we had a barking dog
20 there and that's where we found the salt and
21 pepper shakers with the M&M wrapper.

22 MR. SWEAT: Yeah. No, I was never near
23 Owl's Head.

24 MALE VOICE: Okay.

25 MR. SWEAT: Because I had a map with me.

1 MALE VOICE: Okay, so you knew.

2 MR. SWEAT: Yeah.

3 MALE VOICE: Okay, so that was all.

4 MR. SWEAT: I didn't know exactly where I

5 was, but I always had a good idea.

6 MALE VOICE: Okay, so probably most of those

7 deer blinds that you were talking about were

8 before you got to Burke, that happened--

9 MR. SWEAT: Yeah.

10 MALE VOICE: --when you--were you still

11 together?

12 MR. SWEAT: - - Burke I was by myself in

13 Burke.

14 MALE VOICE: Did you ever stay in one when

15 you were by yourself?

16 MR. SWEAT: Yeah, the last one - -

17 MALE VOICE: Okay, but that was before you

18 hit Burke.

19 MR. SWEAT: Yeah.

20 MALE VOICE: Okay, to the best of your

21 knowledge or whatever. Okay, so somewhere

22 probably you're walking that transmission line

23 northwest, you're east of Mountain View,

24 probably somewhere in there?

25 MR. SWEAT: - - after that it was all

1 mountains. I just followed the compass.

2 MALE VOICE: Yeah. But sometime probably
3 that night, you think, that's when you hit it,
4 or--

5 MR. SWEAT: Yeah, I went through a huge
6 swamp area before I got to where that was.

7 MALE VOICE: Okay.

8 MR. SWEAT: And then it was already getting
9 pretty late. I was going to head out on the
10 road because it hadn't rained and then travel
11 the road a little ways, but I couldn't get out
12 to the road because of the damn dog. So I ended
13 up backtracking. I was going to do what I did,
14 spend the night, and then go back down to the
15 other swamp.

16 MALE VOICE: And so was that the one when
17 you climbed up then or--

18 MR. SWEAT: Yeah, that's the one I could see
19 the chopper.

20 MALE VOICE: And they weren't near you,
21 right?

22 MR. SWEAT: No.

23 MALE VOICE: They were all over towards
24 Owl's Head.

25 MR. SWEAT: Quite a ways.

1 MALE VOICE: Yeah.

2 MR. SWEAT: - - Mecina, too. - - Those guys
3 were searching like crazy down there.

4 MALE VOICE: Oh, you could see choppers in
5 Malone?

6 MR. SWEAT: Oh, yeah, you could see far.

7 MALE VOICE: Okay, yeah.

8 MR. SWEAT: It looked like it was probably a
9 good 20, 30 miles from there.

10 MALE VOICE: So it looked like a big search
11 in Malone and then a big search down south of
12 Malone?

13 MR. SWEAT: Yeah.

14 MALE VOICE: Okay. Yeah, that sounds about
15 right. I'm trying to think what else. How many
16 cabins do you think you got into? I know I
17 asked you that before, but--and all the ones
18 were in mostly Wolf Pond Road, or--

19 MR. SWEAT: Just a few. I would probably
20 say five or six.

21 MALE VOICE: Altogether?

22 MR. SWEAT: It wasn't a lot.

23 MALE VOICE: No. I would have thought like
24 20.

25 MR. SWEAT: No. Because you only--we'd get

1 into certain ones. There was this one guy's
2 cabin, his name was pickle - - . He wasn't
3 there, but he had an owl as a pet.

4 MALE VOICE: Like a stuffed owl?

5 MR. SWEAT: No, he had a real owl as a pet.

6 MALE VOICE: Really.

7 MR. SWEAT: It was in the pictures with him
8 and everything. And I could swear I remember
9 him from like a PBS station or something. But
10 we only took what we needed, a little bit of
11 food or whatever. And we spent the night there.

12 MALE VOICE: The only reason I'm asking is
13 not because I want to make the burglary arrest
14 of the year, we're just trying to get an idea of
15 when somebody calls in and says I think my camp
16 got broken into, we just want to have an idea
17 could that be one of the ones or--

18 MR. SWEAT: Most of them wouldn't even know.

19 MALE VOICE: Yeah, I remember you saying
20 that.

21 MR. SWEAT: Because if you had five cans of
22 beans, we took two.

23 MALE VOICE: Right, so no one--

24 MR. SWEAT: We didn't empty nothing out or
25 anything, because two cans of beans, that's two

1 days, a can of beans a day between the two of
2 us.

3 MALE VOICE: Yeah.

4 MR. SWEAT: So we just extended every chance
5 that we'd get, two here, two here, two there.
6 Because we took food with us to begin with.

7 MALE VOICE: Yeah. And I asked you this
8 before, but I've just got to ask you one more
9 time, because up in Burke on this Depot Street
10 which is behind the church, some kids found this
11 lean-to with some stuff--it was actually tuna
12 cans and some other wrappers and stuff, but--
13 yeah, I thought that's what you said, you didn't
14 have time. By the time you got up there, you
15 didn't have time to - - the stuff.

16 MR. SWEAT: When I was in Burke I was the
17 only one in Burke.

18 MALE VOICE: Right.

19 MR. SWEAT: I was by myself and I couldn't
20 move there. I didn't stop.

21 MALE VOICE: Yeah, you didn't have anybody
22 slowing you down.

23 MR. SWEAT: I wasn't--what I did for a lean-
24 to was when I was at the cabin, Pickle's cabin,
25 he had this cord, this - - nylon cord, the heavy

1 stuff, so I took that and--

2 MALE VOICE: Like - - or bigger?

3 MR. SWEAT: Yeah.

4 MALE VOICE: So like paracord kind of?

5 MR. SWEAT: And a construction garbage bag,
6 black construction garbage bag. That's what I
7 made my lean-to out of, because it's light and I
8 could carry it anywhere I go.

9 MALE VOICE: Oh, so you just carried it with
10 you.

11 MR. SWEAT: Yeah, just folded it up and put
12 it in my pack.

13 MALE VOICE: Okay.

14 MR. SWEAT: It was in the pack - -

15 MALE VOICE: Okay, so that's stuff that we
16 took from you. They keep on asking about--it
17 wasn't the first cabin you went into, but the
18 C.O. cabin, we'll call it. Twisted Horn, that's
19 what it was called, with the four-wheeler and
20 all that. I guess they found like a survival
21 knife there with your DNA on the blade, but it
22 wasn't--because the only knife that I thought
23 you remembered was the one that we got off you.

24 MR. SWEAT: - - might have had this - -

25 butcher knives, we had a bunch of them. I gave

1 him one of them that I found, a big--real big
2 one.

3 MALE VOICE: I think that might have been
4 this one.

5 MR. SWEAT: That probably would have my DNA
6 on it because I touched it.

7 MALE VOICE: So you guys never got in a
8 knife fight or nothing like that.

9 MR. SWEAT: No, no, no.

10 MALE VOICE: Nobody.

11 MR. SWEAT: No.

12 MALE VOICE: And I already know the answer
13 to this, but I'm going to ask, encounters with
14 people--

15 MR. SWEAT: No encounters with people.

16 MALE VOICE: You never had a direct
17 encounter.

18 MR. SWEAT: No direct encounter with
19 anybody.

20 MALE VOICE: So the ones that you told me
21 about, the guy on the fourwheeler, the--

22 MR. SWEAT: Guy on the fourwheeler, he never
23 saw us and we never saw him.

24 MALE VOICE: So then you got the--

25 MR. SWEAT: Three guys with the camp.

1 MALE VOICE: --the marijuana growers.

2 MR. SWEAT: Right, they never saw us, we
3 never saw them. The closest person that
4 actually ever saw me was--there's a--not too far
5 from where I got grabbed, there is some kind of--
6 -I don't know if it's a state park or what it
7 is, but they've got a water fall down there and
8 some guy saw me down there with his dog when I
9 was down the river a ways. So I just played it
10 off. I had binoculars, so I started looking up
11 in the tree like I was looking at birds, then I
12 had pretended like I pulled something out of my
13 pocket and wrote it down, looked back up in the
14 tree so he would just think I was some jackass
15 down there birdwatching.

16 MALE VOICE: So did he ever shout anything
17 to you or nothing, or--

18 MR. SWEAT: No.

19 MALE VOICE: So you just played it off?

20 MR. SWEAT: Yeah.

21 MALE VOICE: All right, so that was--and you
22 said that was south somewhere near a state park
23 kind of--

24 MR. SWEAT: Yeah, some sort of - - park or
25 something right there. It's right next to

1 wherever there's a little--

2 MALE VOICE: That Covey Town Road where
3 they--

4 MR. SWEAT: Yeah, it's a little town right
5 there, and that might have been part of Burke or
6 something, too.

7 MALE VOICE: Yeah, there's like Depot Street
8 where there's a falls where kids go and swim and
9 stuff like that.

10 MR. SWEAT: That's probably what it is.

11 MALE VOICE: That's right where they found
12 this lien-to that I keep talking about, too.
13 They found it right there. And was that like
14 the day before you got caught or--

15 MR. SWEAT: Yeah.

16 MALE VOICE: So real close to the end. The
17 only thing I can say if in case someone else
18 comes up with another question that I can't
19 think of, you're okay if I keep coming back and
20 bothering you?

21 MR. SWEAT: Yeah.

22 MALE VOICE: Okay, I'll try not to bother
23 you too much, but--

24 MR. SWEAT: I'm not really doing nothing
25 else.

1 MALE VOICE: Did they say how much longer
2 you're going to be here?

3 MR. SWEAT: I'm guessing a few more days,
4 because the guy with the tubes they're still
5 draining stuff out of him and he's still
6 throwing up, so.

7 MALE VOICE: All right, well, I'm going to
8 go make a phone call. Just tell my bosses.
9 I've got about 50 of them.

10 MR. SWEAT: Tell them you need new experts.

11 MALE VOICE: I'm going to. I actually can't
12 wait to tell them. And yeah, so maybe they'll
13 have some more questions and I'll come back, but
14 we'll see. I'm sure I'll probably be seeing you
15 again. Take it easy, hang in there.

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